

Northeast Juvenile Correctional Facility Receives Re-Accreditation at ACA Conference

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Fort Wayne, Indiana, - (January 24, 2007) - David Hartzler, Superintendent of the Northeast Juvenile Correctional Facility was presented with the ACA award at in conjunction with the American Correctional Association (ACA) Winter Conference in Tampa, Florida, on January 22, 2007. This is the facility's first re-accreditation.

In presenting the award, Robert Garvey, Chairperson of the Commission on Accreditation for Corrections and Gary Maynard, President of the ACA, complimented David Hartzler, Superintendent, and his staff on their professional level of operation and their success in completing the accreditation process.

"A facility's first re-accreditation audit is often the toughest challenge staff face in the accreditation process since it demands continued compliance for three consecutive years," said Superintendent David Hartzler. "The feedback by the Visiting Committee and by the Commission is a testament to the professionalism, dedication and concern for children that facility employees exhibit daily."

"I want to congratulate Superintendent David Hartzler on his leadership and facility employees for this great accomplishment," said Commissioner J. David Donahue. "The re-accreditation award of the Northeast Juvenile Correctional Facility through the American Correctional Association is a formal recognition for the day-to-day commitment of correctional employees at the facility."

This facility will continue to work to improve any opportunities identified during the audit and maintain continuous compliance with these national standards.

The Northeast Juvenile Correctional Facility opened in its present location on the northwest side of Fort Wayne in 2001 and houses juvenile males who have been adjudicated delinquent from counties

throughout Indiana.

About American Correctional Association

The Standards and Accreditation Department of the American Correctional Association (ACA) serves a dual mission of providing services for ACA and the Commission on Accreditation for Corrections (CAC). These services include the development and promulgation of new standards, revision of existing standards, coordination of the accreditation process for all correctional components of the criminal justice system, semi-annual accreditation hearings, technical assistance to correctional agencies, and training for consultants who are involved in the accreditation process.

About the Northeast Juvenile Correctional Facility

The Northeast Juvenile Correctional Facility employs 70 employees and houses up to 96 male juveniles committed by juvenile courts from throughout Indiana. The facility, which relocated to its present site in 2001, is located in Venture Park on the northwest side of Fort Wayne.

About the Department of Correction

The Department employs over 8,000 employees and houses 24,000 adult and juveniles in 32 facilities, ranging from minimum to maximum custody, prison camps, juvenile facilities and work release centers. The Department's home page on the Internet can be found at: <http://www.in.gov/indcorrection>. The Department's Re-entry Site can be found: <http://www.reentry.in.gov>.